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May 20: Turning a 3-Winged Vessel by Fred Denke

President's Words of Wisdom

All Members and Friends

Did you hear about the big tablesaw lawsuit against Ryobi? In March, a jury awarded \$1.5 million in a case against Ryobi for a benchtop tablesaw injury, claiming that the saw should have been equipped with flesh-sensing, blade-braking technology, such as the SawStop system.

In April 2004, Carlos Osorio took a job as a flooring installer for PT Hardwood Floor Service in Medford, Mass. According to the defendant's trial brief, Osorio had never used a tablesaw before, so his boss showed him how to use the tool and cautioned him about the dangers. A couple of weeks later, while installing an oak floor, Osorio was ripping a 21/4-in.-wide floorboard on a Ryobi BTS 15 benchtop tablesaw. The blade guard and splitter were removed **and he was making the cut without a rip fence**. His left hand slipped into the spinning blade, nearly removing his pinky finger and severely cutting two other fingers and his thumb. Ultimately, Osorio would undergo five surgeries and 95 occupational therapy visits to treat his injured hand.

In April 2006, Osorio's lawyer filed a lawsuit against Ryobi alleging that the saw's design was inherently flawed because it didn't have "flesh-sensing technology" which would have stopped the blade when it detected Osorio's fingers. To make a long story short, Osorio's case went to trial in February of this year and was decided about four weeks later. A jury concluded that Osorio was 35% responsible for his injuries and Ryobi was 65% liable. They awarded Osorio \$1.5 million in damages even though he was only seeking \$250,000. The verdict form indicated that the jury felt the saw was "defectively designed" and the defects were a cause of Osorio's accident.

It seems that no matter how well a product is designed, if it's not totally idiot-proof and some idiot has an accident with it, the manufacturer is held responsible. We probably all have a table saw in our shop, and very few of them have "flesh-sensing technology", but let's not be idiots when we use them. Follow the manufacturer's safety guidelines when using these and any other power tools. See the Safety Manual for Tablesaws posted on the DAW Website.

In a lighter vein, this week some of the DAW members participated again in Allen's Boon Elementary School's Gold Day demonstrations. **Mark Duval, Jon Lindgren, Murray Stein,** and I spent Friday doing eight 20-minute demonstrations of the art of woodturning and talking about the Dallas Area Woodturners. If you look carefully at the photo of Jon turning at the right, the piece of wood might look a bit odd. That's because it wasn't wood but was a rutabaga that Jon had bought in the supermarket the day before, along with some potatoes and sweet potatoes. For each group of students coming in to see our demonstrations, we turned a couple of spinning tops and a veggie vase, lidded vessel, or bowl. The kids really enjoyed watching the tops pop off the lathe and getting a chance to try them out, and they were amazed at the miniature veggie-vessels. On the downside though, by noon the classroom had begun to smell like a garbage dump. If they invite us back next year, I think they'll ask us to do our turning outside.



For our July 15th meeting, we are planning something different; dinner and our meeting out in the fresh air at the North Pavilion in the Bob Woodruff Park in Plano. Dinner starts at 6:00pm and it's free, but you need to buy a dinner ticket at our May or June meeting. The \$5 cost of the ticket will be refunded at the dinner. We need to do this to get a fairly accurate head-count for the dinner. If you don't want to come for the dinner, the meeting will begin at the usual 7:00pm start time. We're planning on having a number of short demonstrations on a variety of topics with something to interest everyone. It should be a fun evening for all, with the BBQ dinner on the club.

And finally, be sure to come to next Thursday's meeting in Garland to see the **Fred Denke** of the Woodturners of North Texas demonstrating how to turn a three-winged vessel. I'm really looking forward to seeing Fred's demo. See you on Thursday night...

Dick Koch

May 20 Program

Fred Denke will be demonstrating how to turn a three-winged vessel. His instructions, bio, and "handouts" are posted on the DAW Website.

Empty Bowls and Beads of Courage Incentives

The DAW Board has decided to hold a cash prize drawing based on the number of bowls and boxes contributed by members this year. Each bowl or box will earn one ticket. So be sure to put your name or identifying logo on each piece. The prizes will be \$150, \$100, and \$50. The drawing will be held at the January. Your chances of winning are proportional to the number of tickets accrued in your name!

Monthly/Quarterly Raffle News

Buy your raffle tickets at the May meeting for a chance to win some great items *and* have a chance to win our 2nd quarter raffle prize - **a Colwood Detailer Woodburner with five fixed point tips, and the book "Learning the Art of Pyrography"**.

All you have to do is buy tickets for this month's raffle! Not only will you get a chance to win one of our great monthly prizes (including the demo "wobble bowl" turned at the April meeting by John Solberg), your tickets will be combined with those sold in April and the ones to be sold in June. At the June meeting we'll have a drawing for the Pyrography setup which has everything you need to get started - you can use it to sign your turnings, or to learn how to add decorations to them.

And don't buy just one ticket for \$1! Increase your odds by buying 5 tickets and we'll give you the sixth one free. Even better, since lots of people are getting at least 6 tickets at each meeting, increase your odds and buy 12 for \$10, or 24 for \$20, or ... (you get the picture)!

If you don't buy, you can't win! –Robert Pope

2011 AAW Collaborative Project

by J. M. Holderman

We held our first 2011 Collaborative Project Team meeting Wednesday evening May 5. We discussed three major points: 1) Do we have the participation to continue? 2) Choices or Project and 3) A very tentative timeline.

On the subject of participation, so far we have eleven team members, five of which were able to make the meeting. With only eleven total members putting together a project of the required quality will be very difficult. We would like to see a larger participation from the club. Experience level is not a large concern as this is a learning experience as well. If you don't feel you have the proper skills to join the team, just the opposite is true; helping out with this project will help you improve. I myself have been turning for only two years and expect to learn a great deal working with the experienced team members. We will ask for more participation at the May meeting again and hold our second team meeting May 25th at the Allen Senior Center at 6:30 p.m. The address is: 451 E. St. Mary in Allen, see map link below. At that meeting we will make the final decision on whether to continue or drop the project due to inadequate participation.

<http://www.mapquest.com/maps?city=Allen&state=TX&address=451+St+Mary+Dr&zipcode=75002-2407&country=US&latitude=33.105972&longitude=-96.66027&geocode=ADDRESS>

Some of the things we discussed were: A Winery, A 50's style Diner, The Disneyland Castle, It's a Small World theme, The Munich, Glockenspiel (Clock tower), A Holland Windmill, A Rube Goldberg type apparatus or a G-Scale Locomotive.

The Winery, Castle and Munich Clock (Glockenspiel) were the main ideas being considered until Murray arrived and introduce the Rube Goldberg device and Locomotive Ideas. We also discussed some sort of animation to be added in the various ideas as well and using a multiple of these ideas.

Whatever the project, we need to be completed by the May meeting in 2011 so we can ensure the project gets to the AAW symposium in St. Paul next June. That leaves us with a year to design and build this project. With summer just around the corner I would suspect we would have many people out of town and a lower participation rate but we can still do design work communicating via email.

The entire project hinges on participation though. Without at least 20 people we are going to have a rough time moving forward. Again, skill level is not that important, the desire to be a part of something for club is. This is the 25th Anniversary of the AAW so the competition is going to be stiff. If you really want to be part of something big, now is the time. Don't miss the opportunity to be part of a 1st place project. There won't be another opportunity this big for another 25 years, the 50th Anniversary of the AAW. We have enough mentors in the club and on the team to help you learn the skills needed to participate. As a club, we've entered three times before and won first place and best of show the last two times. Join us and let's make it three for four.

Breaking News from SWAT

Free SWAT Registrations: This year the SWAT board is providing to each chapter two free registrations, including lunches. It is intended that these registrations should go to someone who would not otherwise be able to attend SWAT, for example a student, retired person, or someone who has lost their job.

If you would like to apply for one of these registrations please contact Dean Cardoza at d.cardoza@tx.rr.com or 469-360-2118. All applications and the names of those selected to receive the registrations will be kept confidential.

2010 Regional Demonstrators Announced

SWAT has recently announced that the following Regional demonstrators have been added to the team of Lead demonstrators for the 2010 symposium.

- Kurt Bird Design and turn table legs
- Andy Chen Cutting spirals on a cylinder
- Tom Farrel Hemispherical Ornaments
- Dan Henry: Decorating with Rose Engine lathe
- James Johnson Basic cuts, measuring, sanding
- Jim Keller Hollow forms with negative Space
- Anna Rachinski small boxes with lids
- Craig Timmerman Turn a Torus Vase
- Don Ward Pen turning

(For the benefit of our newer members, SWAT stands for Southwest Association of Turners, an organization of 23 woodturning clubs in Texas and Oklahoma. The purpose of SWAT is to put on a weekend-long turning symposium each year. Attendance grows each year and will probably exceed 600 this year.)

Schedule of Upcoming DAW Events

May 20 - DAW Club Meeting-Fred Denke will turn a 4-corner vase.
 June 3 – DAW Board Meeting
 June 17 - DAW Club Meeting

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